Agency 087

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

2013-15 Expenditure Authority	Annual FTEs General Fund State		Other Funds	Total Funds
	2.0	418		418
Total Maintenance Level	2.0	436		436
Difference		18		18
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	4.3%		4.3%
Performance Changes				
DES Central Services		1		1
State Public Employee Benefits Rate		3		3
General Wage Increase for State Employees		12		12
Subtotal		16		16
Total Proposed Budget	2.0	452		452
Difference		34		34
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	8.1%		8.1%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Advocacy of Asian Pacific-American Community Issues	2.0	452		452
Total Proposed Budget	2.0	452		452

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

DES Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to align with anticipated billing levels from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) in the 2015-17 biennium, including changes to the enterprise systems fee, personnel services, and small agency financial services.

State Public Employee Benefits Rate

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. Insurance for employees covered by the health insurance coalition is included in funding for their respective collective bargaining agreements. The insurance funding rate is \$913 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$947 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2017. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

General Wage Increase for State Employees

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; and a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Advocacy of Asian Pacific-American Community Issues

The Commission examines issues pertaining to the rights and needs of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and makes recommendations to the governor, state agencies and local governments for changes in programs, policies, plans, and laws. With over 674,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (2010 census) representing over 47 distinct groups speaking more than 74 various languages and dialects, the Commission is the only agency in state government performing the essential activity of ensuring the community has access to government and the services it provides. In order to define issues of importance to the community, the Commission holds public meetings, meets with the community, and develops networks with groups that serve the population. The Commission also conducts public information and outreach programs with particular emphasis on education, health, human services, economic development, as well as develops special studies and reports to address issues of concern to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.